

JACK ANDERSON--GOOD MORNING AMERICA--June 16, 1980--Verbatim

Good morning Joan. The fleeing shadow of a junk slipped through the fog toward the flat marshy Cambodian coasts. Halfway around the world the speedboats scooted up one of the canals that channeled the tidewater along the Columbian coast. And at a lonely spot on the African coast a small steamer quietly dropped anchor. Well, these three mysterious boats in the night have one thing in common: They were engaged last month in the mirky business of gun running. The men aboard the boats risked their lives to make daring deliveries. But if they were motivated men, their motive was cash not ideology. This is nowhere more evident than in the armaments pouring into Lebanon. Take, for example, the Christian Philangists. They are sympathetic to the West, and they buy some weapons from the West through arms dealers in Paris. But the Philangists purchase most of their arms from Communist countries. Yet the Communist Bloc supports the Palestine Liberation Organization and the radical Moslems who are fighting the Philangists. Well, the deals between the Communists and the Philangists are made in Paris. ~~The secret CIA report~~ tells how this arms trade operates. ~~The Philangists, I'm quoting, use commercial middlemen, retired Lebanese army officers, and diplomatic intermediaries to arrange their arms purchases.~~ I'm still reading: ~~Arms for the Christian groups arrive easily in Lebanon by ship.~~

~~They are unloaded along the coast north of Beirut,~~ Why do the
Communist regimes sell arms to the enemies of their friends?
For hard currency. I mean cold cash. Just like the capitalists.